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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: PLENARY ADOPTION OF DISARMAMENT
RESOLUTIONS

1. SUMMARY. UNGA PLENARY ADOPTED 12 DISARMAMENT RESES

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DEC 10, INCLUDING US-SOVIET-FINNISH RES OPENING THE ENMOD

CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 96 TO 8, WITH 30 ABSTENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. UNGA PLENARY OF DEC 10 ADOPTED 12 OF THE 21 DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE. (THE REST, WHICH HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE PLENARY ON DEC 14.) FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF DEC 10 UNGA ACTION:

A. INCENDIARIES AND OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS: RES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

B. CHEMICAL WEAPONS: RES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

C. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (NEW ZEALAND RES): RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 105 TO 2 (CHINA, ALABNIA), WITH 27 ABSTENTIONS (US, UK, USSR, FRANCE).

D. PROTOCOL II OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 119 (US) TO NONE, WITH 14 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING USSR, CUBA AND GUYANA).

E. DISARMAMENT DECADE: RES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

F. AFRICAN NUCLAR WEAPON FREE ZONE: RES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

G. NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE STUDY: RES ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 132 (US) TO NONE, WITH NO ABSTENTIONS. (COMMENT: PREAMBULAR PARA REFERRING TO RES 3472 ADOPTED LAST YEAR, WHICH CAUSED FRANCE TO ABSTAIN ON RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE, APPEARED IN FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDED TO REFER ONLY TO RES 3472A. (THE NON-CONTROVERSIAL PART). IT IS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT BASIS THIS CHANGE WAS MADE BUT NO DEL COMMENTED ON IT IN PLENARY.)

H. MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 130 (US) TO NONE, WITH 1 ABSTENTION (ISRAEL). IN SEPARATE VOTE, OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3, WHICH REFER TO NPT ADHERENCE AND TO SAFEGURADS, WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 117 (US) TO NONE, WITH 13 ABSTENTIONS.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL MIDOFICATION: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 96 (US) TO 8, WITH 30 ABSTENTIONS. MEXICO GAVE LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE, STRONGLY ATTACKING BOTH THE TREATY AND THE PROCEDURES USED GO GAIN ITS APPROVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AND CONCLUDED THAT MEXICO WOULD "NEVER BECOME AN ACCOMPLICE" TO A CONVENTION LEGITIMIZING

HOSTILE USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES. BOLIVIA GAVE EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN SUPPORT OF CONVENTION IN COURSE OF WHICH BOLIVIAN REP REFERRED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO SUCH TECHNIQUES AS THE PARTING OF THE RED SEA. THOSE OPPOSING THE RESOLUTION WERE ALBANIA, ECUADOR, GRENADA, KENYA, KUWAIT, MEXICO, PANAMA, AND ZAMBIA. BURUNDI, MAURITIUS, PERU AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, WHICH VOTED NO IN FIRST COMMITTEE, ABSTAINED IN PLENARY. THOSE ABSTAINING WERE ARGENTINA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BURUNDI, CHILE, COMOROS, CONGO, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FRANCE, GABON, GAMBIA, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, PERU, RWANDA, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UGANDA, CAMEROON, TANZANIA, VENEZUELA, AND YEMEN.

J. SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 91 TO 2 (INDIA AND BHUTAN) WITH 43 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING US, UK, USSR AND FRANCE).

K. NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 120 TO 1 (ALBANIA), WITH 15 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING US AND EC-9). SWEDEN ANNOUNCED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT IT S RECORDED ABSTENTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN A POSITIVE VOTE.

L. IMPLEMENTATION OF NPT REVCON CONCLUSIONS: RES ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 115 (US) TO 2 (ALBANIA, CHINA), WITH 19 ABSTENTIONS. (NIGERIA SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT ITS VOTE, RECORDED AS AN ABSTENTION, SHOULD HAVE BEEN A "YES".)
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